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Go Slow!

Of course, no railway rate bill will be passed by the Fifty-eighth Congress. The House may go through the form of moulding a hasty measure, but it is agreed among the augurs that the Senate will not lick it into shape.

Wise delay. Time and the maturest consideration are needed. Every budding statesman and economist has his plex and enormous question could be disposed of blithely and off-hand, with the clerk's desk.

Better go slow than go wrong: a saw to be kept in mind also at the called session, if there is to be one, of the Fiftyninth Congress next fall.

We notice that the lawyers are much less enthusiastic than some of the lavmen about railway rate bills. The Constitution is damnably in the way of calling for a report from the Post Office quick relief reforms and reformers.

The Attempt to Drag China Into the War.

The note despatched by the St. Petersburg Foreign Office to our State Department alleges that China has committed such flagrant violations of neutrality that henceforth Russia will hold herself at liberty to take such action as she may deem needful to protect her interests. The specifications on which the charge is based are frivolous, but when Russia's motive is considered it is clear that the charge may have grave consequences.

The only specification which has the semblance of gravity asserts that China has not prevented the use of Miaotao Island, which lies in the Straits of Pechili, opposite Port Arthur, as a Japanese naval base in the operations against the Russian fortress. In the first place, Minotao Island was always regarded by the Chinese Government as, for administrative purposes, an appurtenance of the adjoining part of the Liaotung peninhour when they took possession of the at her." Mr. Rich added: leased territory. It follows that the Japanese had as much right to use it there, the commander of a battleship

would give the island a wide berth. The assertion put forward by the St. Petersburg Foreign Office would never tion that those to whom it is addressed are ignorant of topographical facts. Miaotao Island is of as inestimable value | It was in the form of an affidavit. In it to a maritime Power desirous of main- she recited her history, describing hertaining ascendency in Chinese waters as is Malta to a Power seeking control of and saying that her sole income was the the Mediterranean, it would not lie in the salary she received as postmaster. Mrs. mouth of Russia to complain of its seizure | CLEGG closed her affidavit with this by Japan. From October, 1903, until the declaration: present war broke out in February, 1904, Russia was a notorious wrongdoer, havthree Manchurian provinces in defiance of the solemn promise of evacuation made to our State Department. There was not a day in those four months when she had any moral right to occupy an inch of Manchurian soil, outside of the narrow ribbons of land supporting the roadbeds of her railways and the tip of the Liaotung peninsula, of which she was a tenant under a twenty-five year lease. In view of the act of perfidy by which Russia grabbed and kept three of China's most valuable provinces, her present denunciation of Japan for the alleged use

for the manufacture of munitions of the minimum of "culture" and of physior subjects of any neutral Power have as | trary has had small effect, they do it? The Russian naval "though unquestionably low in civilizaofficers should fight more and whine tion," they are "high in intelligence."

partment would deserve not the slightest often been brought against the black- but declined to return the rings, where-Ducal cabal seems to have convinced NICHOLAS II. that, unless he continues the war in the Far East, the Romanoff | coming of the whites, rude drawings of | taining the rings, as they were presents. dynasty will lose prestige in the eyes of a certain merit, though not, of course, "No," said the Magistrate, "they were the army under Gen. KUROPATKIN, to be compared with the work of the given as engagement rings," and orwhich constitutes its principal protection admirable artists of the Early Reindeer dered that they be given up, with costs. against revolution. The hope, however, School. of inflicting any severe defeat upon Ja- A pure blooded native who has been have thought that the defendant would pan, so long as the latter retains ascend- in Europe "can fully hold his own in the determine to marry the young man in from Kiakhta, and thus take Pekin in the | the blackfellows seem to be as proficient | have been known to sue for their money rear, as that city has more than once as the whites. They are daring, skilful value, the engagement ring is a symbol been taken.

worthy of the incompetent advisers who | mighty in football, the chief end of conplunged Russia into a war for which she | temporary man. was glaringly unprepared. Long before they would learn that a Japanese army plan. One would think that this com- had undertaken the defence of the Chishould the Russian commander deem it no more thought or trouble than is prudent to risk one, his opponent would language, not their intellect, was at fault. conservative land like Great Britain, stead of the plaything of the husband. required for the laying of a petition on again possess the immense advantage of It is now "no unusual thing for an abo- where woman is still under some reproximity to a base of supplies.

A Denial for Mr. Dubois.

In prosecuting his campaign against the Mormon Church the Hon. FRED T. DUBOIS of Idaho introduced in the United States Senate last spring a resolution Department giving the names of postmasters in Idaho who were living in polygamy. The resolution was adopted on April 20. It was referred by the Postmaster-General to his Fourth Assistant, J. L. BRISTOW. Mr. BRISTOW wrote promptly to Mr. Dubois, asking him if he could supply any information to the Department on which to begin its investigation.

Mr. Dubois replied by calling on Mr. BRISTOW, and telling him complaints had been made that Mrs. DORA CLEGG, postmaster at Rexburg, Idaho, was the plural wife of BEN E. RICH. Several other postmasters were suspected of polygamy, but the Rexburg official was the first on the list, and Inspector M. C. Fosnes was sent at once to find out the

facts in her case. Mr. RICH, who is a Mormon, was heard from first. He had been active in supporting Mrs. CLEGG'S efforts to obtain the office. He wrote on May 23 to Senator HEYBURN, saying that he felt it his duty "to see that she does not sula which was leased to Russia. It was suffer on account of statements made by so regarded by the Russians from the such human dogs as snapped their teeth

" Mrs. CLEGo is beloved by the people of Rexburg because she has been a sister of mercy among the sick, sitting up with them in hours of trouble as they had to occupy Dalny. Any- and taking charge, when called upon, in the house thing belonging to Russia belongs to of the dead. A men is a coward who will attack Japan, if the latter Power can get it. In such a woman, and if it be a crime to love such an the second place, Miaotao Island would | individual, then I, in connection with all the good be almost worthless as a naval base. people of Rexburg, am gullty of that crime, If a Far from dreaming of seeking refuge person does not love such a woman, after knowing her history and her goodness, then such an individual must have been nursed by a bitch wolf, Instead of suckled at the breast of a woman."

"If this doesn't suit the brutish natures I don't want to," observed Mr. RICH. people and lapses into "savagery." Mrs. CLEGG's denial of the charge came Moreover, even if it could be shown that to the Department under date of June 11. self as the widow of ISAAC W. CLEGG,

"That she is not the polygamous or plural wife of said BENJAMIN E. RICH or of anybody else; but ing continued to occupy by force the that she is the widow of the late Isaac W. CLEGO. aforesald; and that she does not expect or intend to ever again marry, either in monogamy or monandry or deuterogamy or polyandry or polygamy.

After the receipt of this comprehensive document, Mr. Fosnes visited Rexburg. Mrs CLEGG bore a good reputation, he found, and the case was dropped. The Hon. FRED T. DUBOIS had got a denial that denied.

The Australian Blackfellows.

For a hundred years it has been an of a tiny island recalls the fable of the aborigines are the lowest of races in wolf who complained that the water of mental capacity. While there are no than the leaders that ruled and ruined a river had been pellu'ed because a !anib. | really "primitive" peoples, these Aus- | the Democratic party in 1904. standing considerably down stream, had tralians have been regarded by eth-The other specifications are scarcely | most "primitive" of existing folk. The with immense supplies of the iron needed of the scantiest intellectual endowment, tariff by the friends of the masses. war. Suppose they have. The citizens | cal comfort; and evidence to the con- | tried him sober," said WILLIAM III, of

much right to sell iron to one belligerent | In the Nineteenth Century and After him." Bryanite or anti-Bryanite, the as to the other. It is the business the Hon. J. MILDRED CREED gives good Democrats proclaim themselves "the anyone dissireing to see them please write to of the Russian battleships and cruis- reasons for denying that the Australian friends of the masses." "The masses" ers to intercept the shipment on natives are at the bottom of the intel- continue to be singularly ungrateful to its way to the consignee. Why don't lectual ladder, and even asserts that, their "friends." less. Of the same irrelevant tenor We mention a few instances of such inis the accusation that there has been | telligence. A central New South Wales | extensive contraband commerce between aboriginal, brought up in a mining tration of the dispensers of wisdom in Chefoo and Dalny. The charge is ludi- | community, has a fair knowledge of | the "woman's column" of periodicals crous, in view of the fact that through-crut the siege of Port Arthur Russian pector and has discovered, not by acciout the siege of Port Arthur Russian | pector and has discovered, not by acci- | brusquely in an English court. It is only agents at Chefoo were bribing Chinese dent, but by systematic work, a fairly a police court decision, to be sure, where junks to evade the blockade of their | rich gold field and what "may probably | even the judgment of the House of Lords naval fortress. Moreover, until very prove the richest copper mine in Austra- might not be accepted by the more imlately, when Japan notified the Pekin | lia." His mines are in localities where | portant portion of the community, but Government that she would no longer the existence of precious minerals had tolerate such a gross breach of interna- | not been suspected. A youth of eigh- | tion and has the merit of presenting the | exercise. tional law, the Russians were allowed to | teen, rescued when an infant by a Scotch | question plainly, if somewhat brutally. maintain at Chefoo a wireless telegraph | naturalist from impending death in a station. As for the assertion that Chi- tribal war, speaks pure grammatical marry him from the object of his affecnese soldiers under Japanese officers are | English, or when he chooses to exert | tion, a London youth put on her finger committing depredations on the Man- his keen sense of humor, "the broadest an engagement ring. In point of fact, churian branches of the Siberian rail- Dorie Scotch." He stood near the head he placed two before her to choose from read, it is only necessary to say that, of the highest class in a large public but as she was unable to decide between from the beginning of the war, the Rus- school, and is now employed in the them, gallantly gave her both. This sians have tried to enlist the Tungchuses, draughting room of a great shipbuild- opens up an interesting problem in or Manchurian bandits, in their favor, ing and engineering concern. He makes feminine psychology and the ethics of and succeeded to a certain extent, until tracings of machinery, sketches with courtship which must be passed over the battle of Liaoyang convinced the taste and skill, plays Scotch music on as immaterial to the case in hand. After onlookers that the Russians were not the "pipes," and is known to the Scotch obtaining the rings the young woman

ittention but for its motive. The Grand | fellows as an indication of their humble | upon he sued for them. position in the scale of humanity. Some of them, we believe, made, before the but the young woman insisted on re-

ency at sea, is by this time seen to be discussion of European news," and has order to retain the jewelry, he had delusive. Convinced of its inability to addressed a crowd of whites on the ex- learned wisdom from RABELAIS'S judge, gain any laurels from a duel with its travagance of the Australian State Gov- and gave no reasons for his decision. Japanese opponent at the further end of ernments on account of the visit of the It is a decision, perhaps, that might Acia, the St. Petersburg Government Duke of York. The aboriginal girls are have been expected from mere man's considers it indispensable to drag into excellent house servants, neat and quick logic. While the minor offerings on the conflict some feeble Power that her to learn. In athletic sports, apparently love's shrine-candy, flowers, theatre soldiers would have a better chance of the most important part of the highest | tickets, gloves and other knick-knacksbeating. It would be quite possible for modern civilization-at least, as our are more than compensated by the fair a Russian army to invade China from the | authority says, "one of the most generally | one's condescension and the amenities northwest by the historical trade route accepted proofs of race eminence"- of the engaged state, though some brutes The plan is visionary, however, and runners, first class cricketers, even

But the blackfellows have small ariththe invaders could cross the Great Wall, metic. Was it five, or ten, that used to be set down solemnly as the limit of their powers of computation? At any passers from private grounds; it is the their needs in the savage state. Their which pen in the unengaged. In a riginal to count sheep running through straint, the young man goes with the a gateway with the strictest accuracy," | ring, otherwise there is fraud, and it is no easy task, since an Australian flock only logical for the London beak to deof less than a thousand is considered "very small," and flocks of 10,000 are not unusual.

The blacks who live among cultivated whites speak correct English, seldom | conditions or the regard in which en- | pendently of her husband. The fall of mispronounce words and object to being addressed in "pidgin English." In this correctness of speech they show a superiority, in at least one point, to the Chinese in English speaking countries and to the American negroes.

The Australian folklore and legends reveal a power of imagination at least equal to that of other "primitive" races supposed to be of higher mental capacity. A still greater proof of the intellect of Australian aborigines is not spoken of Kentucky forbid them to "carry a gun"? gation, or the instrument wherewith it in the Nineteenth Century article. Such | How, then, shall her Colonels be known? central Australian tribes as the Arunta | What shall be their badge? In these days | proper allowance "three blows with a broomand Urabunna have highly complex sys- of datchicks a Colonel may hardly dare to tems of relationship, "group marriages" and totem divisions, systems which an educated man cannot comprehend without considerable concentration and study. The initiation ceremonies, the so-called "mysteries" of certain tribes, and their other religious or magical oper- ing machine can be devised that will pass ations also indicate memory and intelli- sixty bills a minute. gence in no small degree. When a black-

ment he is apt to profit by it. Nearly twenty-five years ago Mr JAMES DAWSON related in his "Australian Aborigines" that the inspection of an aboriginal school in Gippsland "gave a State schools in Victoria." The same work relates that a black woman, married to a white shepherd, taught her husband to read and write. Yet the legend of the "mental degradation" of a let the Australian blacks continues to

fellow gets a chance of mental develop-

Moral degradation, the gift of the whites, is more to be feared, and the po- envelope showed that there had been a stamp sition of an educated blackfellow among the whites is necessarily one of isolation. have been made, except on the assump- of some individuals, I can't help it and Often he arises and goes to his own

"Masses" and "Classes."

The Atlanta Constitution repeats an old fable in an imported jargon: " The Democratic party is the party of the masses in contradistinction to the classes or the bene-

ficiaries of special privileges from Government This talk about "masses" and "classes"

has no meaning in the United States. As to the Democratic party, it is not one whit more "popular" in its composition than the Republican party. Indeed, it is not so much so, for its strength is in the Southern States, which never have been and are not now as democratic as the West and the North. The landholding aristocracy fell with the war, and new elements and new men have come to power; but neither the Southern Democracy nor the Northern Democracy is any more democratic, save in name, than the Republican party.

Just at present, Mr. BRYAN and his friends seem to be satisfied that the Re-"accepted fact" that the Australian publican party, or at least Mr. Roose-VELT, is more popular and democratic

The Democrats howled loud enough nologists and anthropologists as the for "the masses" in 1896 and 1900. Those downtrodden beings refused to rise. In worth naming. The St. Petersturg students of comparative religion, cus- 1904 "the masses" turned a stony tym-Foreign Office asserts that certain Chi- tom and civilization have taken the panum to the Democratic cry for "a renese mines have furnished the Japanese "blackfellows" as the representatives vision and a gradual reduction of the

"I have tried him drunk and I have his son-in-law, "and there is nothing in

The Ring and the Beak.

A problem in the etiquette of courtship that is often submitted to the arbiit settles the matter within its jurisdic-

In securing the promise that she would officers and engineers as "the black exercised her privilege of changing her The note addressed to our State De- Scotchman." Their want of pottery has mind and broke off the engagement, parison be kept from Macaulay.

In court all the facts were admitted, Though from the report he appears to

riders of "buck-jumping" horses, swift or sign of a social condition, of a contract, only surpassed by the plain gold band that is the witness of the completion of the bargain and sale.

It is the glorious advertisement to her sex that the wearer has landed her fish; it is the signboard warning off all trescide that the ring goes with the man.

Would an American Police Magistrate | mature Roman jurisprudence improved the have the courage to decide the question in the same way? And would the social gagements are now held justify him if Rome and the institution of feudalism had a

Col. Jack Chinn, the famous Kentuckian, must the indispensable qualification of the right to hold property. Deprived of this, her carrying a gun.—The Sun.

Our old friend, Col. JACK CHINN, the light and joy of the racecourse and other days, proud Jack, but a lad of mettle. And they nels to be disarmed? Does degenerate "carry a load."

Saturday the House of Representatives "broke the record" by passing 459 pension bills in one hour and forty-three minutes. This is not a "record" to endure or to be proud of. Surely, an automatic law-mak-

Another Complaint of the Postal System. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: As the Post Office authorities are making changes in the rou-tine, is it not a good time to drop one or two ante-diluvian and objectionable features! If a letter is inadvertently mailed without a stamp, the rout addressee, stating that he holds such a letter, and percentage of results higher than other on reception of a two-cent stamp will forward that letter. This always results in the loss of from two to four days, and the chances are that much inconventence and possible loss is occasioned thereby. If the address of the sender shows on the envelope, the letter is returned to him for stamping.

As an instance: On Saturday, Dec. 24, I posted

a letter for Atlanta, properly stamped. Monday, the 28th, was a holiday. On Tuesday my letter of Saturday, instead of being delivered in Atlanta, was back on my desk because no stamp showed on the envelope, although a casual glance at the It had become detached, probably on affixed. account of the damp condition of the post box or post office. That was a very important letter, and the delay in its delivery occasioned considerable loss. Would it not seem to be the sensible thing to have sent that letter to Atlanta and collected

to understand why the officials are so particular to demand cash in advance, but as the Post Office is run for the benefit of the public and expects to suffer a loss, it would seem as if this obsolete regu-lation about holding letters back for lack of postage ild be rescinded at once. JAMES MORRISON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIF! My con ents to Thomas R. Ybarra, who asked in THE IN of Jan. 13, "Who was Jones"?

And who art thou, T. R.? Some allen landed on our shor Who hast not yet had time to pore

No man who could our country claim As his would ask (o'er uncouth name) Who was this Jones?"

"Who was this John Paul Jones?" Go ask the shade of old King George,

And quick will rise his ghostly gorge, At name of Jones. His royal navy sore did miss. A ship they called the Scrapis-

She'd met with Jones.

Authors and Manuscripts. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What becomes

of the stories that editors accept, pay for and do not publish? Don't you think that after two years of waiting-or say three-a writer should be permitted

They are, apparently, useless to the editor, cum-bering his sanctum with unavailable literary lum-ber, though they might be of use to the author, who could incorporate them with other stories. If in this day of many scribes and blase editors a writer has originality enough to strike even momentarily the latter's fickle fancy, he should certainly have the benefit of that originality OXFORD, N. J., Jan. 14. MADGE L. AXFORD.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir. You will greatly oblige me by stating in your paper that I have some pearls that myself an son gether in the Wabash river this summer that I dissire to sell Alma, Kan., Jan. 12.

The Woman Behind the Cash. From the Albany Times-Union, ands of women handle the cash of indi-

viduals, firms and corporations. Seldom is there any delinquency. When one woman proves disnest the thing arises to the dignity of big news.

Professor of Automobilism. From the Motor World.

Example to Soft Campanian Governors. From the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer

For a new industrial college shortly to be opened

Governor Genn makes it a rule to go to bed at 11 o clock and in the winter to eat only two meals a day. He rises at 7:30 and takes a great deal of

From the Joplin Globe.

If this weather continues for any length the sky will have to be "histed" in order to prevent its being

From the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin. It may be set down as a foregone conclusion at N. Burrows Bubb will be the next Mayor of

The Captain of the Gate.

Horatius was holding the bridge.
"That's nothing," said Lars Porsena, "did you ever try the game with a girl who asked what is Completely outclassed, he begged that the com-

WOMAN AND THE LAW.

Representative Robert Adams of Pennsylvania. The first idea of a wife seems to have arisen from the power to obtain and retain ossession of a woman. We read in the Bible of the capture of wives from the daughters of Shiloh for the children of Benjamin. The early history of the Greeks, Romans and Hebrews is filled with expeditions made for no ostensible reason save that of procuring wives. Walter Scott says that the Macgregors captured a wife in 1750 for Robin Oig; a date so recent that the deed might be set down to fiction did we not know that it was necessary to pass a law in England in the third year of Henry VII.'s reign making it a capital offence to carry away a woman without her consent. The next step in the matrimonial relation was the sale of daughters among the semi-civilized tribes. This had the improvement of giving fathers and brothers some say in the disposition of the woman, and of at least rejecting the brutal

alliances. The legal status of woman was changed early in the Greek law, and from that of a chattel to be sold, the father paid a sum of money to the bridegroom, which was the beginning of the custom of "dowry." This was secured to her, in case of separation, as well as an allowance from her husband, if he were the guilty cause of a divorce. Thus a fixed legal status with personal rights was first given by Greek nese capital. In the ensuing collision, rate, their numerals were sufficient for permit to step over the conventions law. This raised her position in the marital state, and she became the companion in-

The "Patria Potestas" of early Rome gave absolute authority to the father over the family. He could sell his daughter to one of his own selection, and his authority was transferred to the husband as to the fortune and even the life of his wife. More status of the female to the extent of inheritance of property and its retention indedisastrous effect on the social and legal position of women. Martial service was the indispensable qualification of the right

During the whole Anglo-Saxon period the law gave the power to the husband the hearty, the joyous, the emphatic, no to exercise restraint by correcting her if necessary. Civil law allowed the husband have locked him up; him the open and the for some misdemeanors to castigate his free, for "carrying a gun." Are the Colo- wife moderately. Authorities do not agree as to what constituted a moderate castiwas to be inflicted. Welsh law fixes as a stick on any part of the body except the head." A second law limits the size of the stick at the "length of the husband's arm and the thickness of his middle finger." Another rule was that "a man may lawfully correct his wife with a stick no bigger than his thumb."

No wonder, then, when Justice Brooke (12 Henry VIII., fol. 4) affirms "that if a man beat an outlaw, a traitor, a pagan, his villein or his wife it is dispunishable, because by the law common these persons can have no action." He says. "God send gentle woman better sport or better compane." But, said Blackstone, in his Commentaries, "with us in the politer reign of Charles II. this power of correction begins to be doubted, and a wife may now have security of the peace against her husband. Yet the lower rank of people, who were always fond of the old common law, still claim and exact their ancient privilege."

It was not until 1829 that the act of Charles II., which embodied the old common law and allowed a man to "chastise his wife with any reasonable instrument," was re-

Another Field for Federal Regulation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: After the wisdom by Mr. Bryan, I suggest that our steamboats, plying our inland streams, he brought to account. I do not know how it is in the East, but our West the steamboat business is suffering from

The captain of an Illinois River craft, with noth. ing but a cargo of carp aboard, paces the hurricane cek as if he had been to Boston. He may re Illinois, but seems to be allowed to float are and do business anywhere. Can Congress not get at him? Our Western Legislatures seem to be in-different. Meantime, the arrogant captains run their boats when they please, the up when it suits them, haul freight from one State to another with out apparent rest sint, and it is binted, sometimes cut a rate to please a friend. I do not know that they are breaking any law, but it seems a pity not

Mathematical and Spiritual

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-S! rold, about 1,500,000,000 people on the earth, about 3,700 each hour, 60 each minute, or one each ond. As there are only about 400,000,000 of the carth's inhabitants who are even outwardly Chris-tians, only a small percentage of those who die in a day may be considered as "saved." If the docnes of Christianity as taught by the orthodox

How much more sensible it is to conclude that these souls rise into the spiritual world—granted that there is a life beyond the grave—in accordance with a law something like the law of gravitation. a law as certain and as just as that, and that their state there, as here, is determined largely by the measure of intelligence and morality they possess, Lincoln, Neb. Jan. 10. F. J. IRWIN.

Hint for "Oxon."

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I would advise "Oxon" to restrain his impulse to kick any American he meets. The average American is rather inclined to kick back, and the result might be painful to more than the feelings of our sensi NEW YORK, Jan. 14.

Eminent Hands.

From a Catalogue of Autographs.

EVERETT, EDWARD. A. L. S. Also portrait, small sto. Both iniald on one sheet. Pine signa-1 p., 4to. Boston, 1854. .75. M'AULIFFE, JACK. Autograph pass signed or exhibition at the Broadway Athletic Club.

p., 12mo, N. Y., n. d. .75 Where Did He Get It? From the Kansas City Journal.

One of the first acts of the Kansas Legislature should be a resolution of Inquiry as to how the German who represents Ellis county came by an

Irish name, Henry O'Shant. He is a Pennsylvania Dutchman on both sides.

Beau Barry's Axtom. From the Providence Journal If one looks ill in a frock coat the blame does

Simple Life in Babylon Nebuchadnezzar was going on all fours, "One thing," he chuckled, "Mrs. N. ean't tell if I'm

nder the weather when I come home from the Thus, indeed, did he find a bright side even in his

Toasts by an Absentminded Poet Here's to the red of Somebody's head-

I mean of Somebody's lips; Of course I did not mean what I said, Please pardon these little slips. Here's to Somebody's sapphire nose. The sky's and the occan's hue;

I had in mind, as the context shows. rebody's lamps of blue. Here's to the ring of Somebody's voicemean the rings 'round her eyes; . I mean the ring of Somebody's choice

That Somebody's sweetheart buys. Here's to the gems that Somebody bakes-The pearls in her mouth-sweet chink-I mean. What makes me make such mistakes: Am I going upon the drink or the blink?

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

Carrying Trade. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Among all the measures now before Congress, there is none more important or pressing than the bill reported to the Senate by Senator Gallinger from the Committee on Commerce, "to promote the national defence, to create a force of naval volunteers, to establish American ocean mail lines to foreign markets, to promote commerce, and to provide revenue from

This bill is the outcome of a recommendation made by President Roosevelt in his annual message of Dec. 7, 1993, in response to which Congress passed the act of April 28, 1994, creating the Merchant Marine Commission, nposed of five Senators and five Representatives.

The commission visited the principal commercial cities of the country, giving hearings which were attended not only by those directly interested in shipbuilding or owning, but by occupations who desired the restoration of that commercial supremacy of which we were once so justly proud.

When we consider the immense export and import freights of this country, and realize that only ten per cent, of them are carried in American vessels, while for the other ninetenths we are entirely dependent upon foreign ships, we can have nothing but self-reproach for the policy or want of policy that has re-duced us to such a condition. According to the report of the Merchant Marine Commission, a fair and accepted estimate, based on British authority, Sir Robert Giffens, figures for British ocean trade that we pay on an average

authority. Sir Robert Giffens, figures for British ocean trade that we pay on an average the sum of \$150,000,000 a year to foreign shipping for the conveyance of our import and export freights, our mails and our passengers. Capitalize this amount at 4 per cent., and we have \$3,750,000,000 invested by the American people for the benefit of foreign ship owners. This in time of peace. Suppose Great British should be involved in war with one or more of the great European Powers. We should then have to pay war freights, double, perhaps treble, what we are now paying.

It may be well to recall the fact that the existence of our present constitutional government is due to the commercial existencies which confronted the several States upon the termination of the revolutionary war. The Continental Congress possessed no power over the commerce of the States. Each State prescribed its own import duties, and a vessel entering the ports of the thirteen States was subject to duty in each of them. This was intolerable, and in 1785 the States of Virginia and Maryland took steps to the establishment of a common system of uniform duties on vessels entering the Chesapeake Bay, and appointed commissioners, who met at Alexandria, Va., for that purpose. While there they visited Mount Vernon to consult Gen. Washington, and at his suggestion it was determined to extend the scope of the movement so as to include all the States.

The Legislature of Virginia at its next meeting passed a resolution inviting all the States to send delegates to Annapolis, Md., for the purpose of taking into consideration a plan for regulating the commerce of the movement so send delegates to Annapolis, Md., for the purpose of taking into consideration a plan for regulating the commerce of the whole country. The delegates from five States mothing was determined upon, but their deliberations resulted in a report to their respective States urging a revision of the Articles of Confederacy to render them adequate to the requirements of the country and recommendi

Englishmen in America.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "Oxon" of ken is evidently a newcomer to this country. doubt very much if the ordinary American abuses England so much as the ordinary Englishman abuses America. The latter is absolutely bigoted. while there is a chance for fair views from an Ameri he has travelled. Brown ale and the gallows-a national se-

quence, by the way—are beautiful examples of Brit-ish products against which lager beer and the electric chair cannot hold their own; but there are other products on this side which can fairly well compete with anything the British Isles afford. There is, I believe, no unjust hatred toward There is, I believe, no implies hatted toward for the finding shown in any periodical, and the reason why American women marry Englishmen are so manifold that it is a wonder "Oxon" cannot solve that problem. It is a question sometimes of education, sometimes of habits, sometimes of position, and sometimes—though not often—of money. The two races are affiliated, anyway, and love to have the solution of the control of the co

keep up the affiliation. WELLINGTONIENSIS. NEW YORK, Jan. 14.

so claim to know a little on this question An English brother of mine told me that American actors in England are received with great applause -simply because they are Americans This looks like "licking the hand that smote.

New York, Jan. 14. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: As Americans we laugh when our good natured gibes are swal lowed whole by our English brothers, but when we are in England, does the condescension shown us on all sides exasperate us? When references are made to our boorishness and money grabbing we smile and invite our friends to come ove and see us as we are; and in a large majority of cases, unless the visitor has a patrimony, he remains to join us in our hustle and gradually loses his desire to "kick every American he meets."

As for American girls marrying Englishmen. there are reasons for each particular case usually but it is well not to give them too great prominence or we will again be accused of "everlasting criti-cism." A Yankee question will do: Do poor American girls marry rich Englishmen?

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. How He Got the Living.

From the London Saturday Review.

A Rev. Mr. Black, who had been presented to the rectory of Hampton by the Duke of Cumberland, had been chaplain to a regiment during the Rebellion of the '45, and had inoculated the ster-commander in chief with the passion of gol After the first game the pupil invariably beat his stute master and had the snug living on the

Great Authors and Small Potato Gossip. From a talk by Agnes Reppiler.
What light is thrown on the true Matthew Arnold by making public a letter in which he anxiously inquires concerning Tommy's measles?

Last Tuesday night the grand opera people left an order for twenty bottes of plats and two plats of whiskey. of beer, six one-half

Not an "Anglo-Saxon" Stronghold. From the Republic. There are more Irish-Catholics to the square mile in South Boston than there are in any other community in New England.

Hunting the Money Power

From the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Bryan doesn't care what anybody thinks about it—he wants that \$50,000. Indiana's Grand Young Man. From the Indianapolis Sentinel.
Is Mr. Beveridge a Cleero or is he a Demosthenes.

or is he both and then some? Col. Bryan's Activity. From the Macon Telegraph.

Mr. Bryan keeps busy as a bee in a tar barrel

Sunflower Festivitles From the Topeka State Journal The Epworth League of Russell is to give a pea-

out social Friday.

From the Oil City Büzzard. Be good, but not easy! Historical Mystery Unveiled. The Man in the Iron Mask was talking. I'm taking no chances of meeting any Cassles

Being rich but honest, he took desperate measures

to preserve his integrity. False Alarm. From the New Orleans Times Democrat.

She laid it down in grave disgust it really, really was too bad! She had no idea; 'twas just She had an idea she had

AMERICAN MORALS.

Importance of Reviving the American Defence of Sojourners in Oriental Cities. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It was with considerable regret that I read in you paper a report headed "Wicked American Abroad," in which were summed up the con clusions of the twelfth annual conference foreign missionary secretaries held at the Bible House last Wednesday. It seems a nity that people representing Jesus Chris should indulge in such intemperate language

Resident communities of Europeans and Americans in Asiatic and South American

countries were charged with the grosses

immorality." The Rev. E. A. Wicher, who lived in Japan for several years as a missionary, said that "moral conditions in Oriental cities particularly in China and Japan, are almost "Other speakers mentioned Tokio, Yokohama and Kobe in Japan and Pekin in China as containing especially wicked nen." Such language gives the impression that a narrow minded and Puritanical standthat a narrow minded and Puritanical standard has been set up and then these communities have been judged by it. This is confirmed when the Rev. Mr. Wicher says of the 400 young men, Europeans and Americans, living in a certain Oriental city, that "all the total abstainers could be counted on the fingers of both hands." As Jesus Christ was not a "total abstainer," I am unable to see just what moral advantage those counted "on the fingers of both hands." have over the remaining 300.

Having lived for many years in the Far East. I do not hesitate to say that the above mentioned charges against Americans there are unjust. Americans in the United States and Americans in the Far East are exactly alike—no more wicked in the one place than the other, no less moral in Asia than here. I cannot understand why any of the speakers should betake themselves to far off Pekin in order to find "especially wicked men" when there are a plenty within a few blocks of them right here in New York. In fact, it may well be questioned whether, in what constitutes true morality, New York has any advantage over the cities of the Far East. Certain it is that Americans who have settled there for business or for other purposes cannot be expected to view with friendly eyes the men who make such severe attacks upon their lives and conduct. It is not to be wondered at that "from them come back home the derogatory reports we hear of missionary efforts." New York, Jan. 14.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir I was ard has been set up and then these commun

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! I WAS amazed at the allegations of debased morals contained in your article "Wicked Americans charge that American men living in Oriental cities establish illicit alliances with native

In this country it is an unheard of thing for young men or their elders to maintain improper relations with women. The "mistress" is a woman whose evil influence has never been known here. This form of vice is one entirely foreign to the natures of our pure, high-minded, men. If those Americans who live abroad do lower themselves to such immorality, it is because of the evil examples of men of other nations, the severance of home ties and the debilitating moral atmosphere of heathen countries. If our young men stayed at home, surrounded by the Christian atmosphere of our civilization, they would have no desire or inclination for such debauchery as the missionaries describe.

BEGORLYN, Jan. 14. An American Woman

NATURE IN GREEK ART.

Treatment of Animal and Vegetable Forms by Hellenie Artists. From Macmillan's Magazine.

Look at any collection of Greek coins, half of them bear representations of animals animals treated so tenderly and with such eeling for the texture of feather and hide that there can be little doubt that the artist studied them with understanding and affection. Look at the eagles of Agrigentum head of Elis, or the lion and bull of Acanthus; the cow and calf of Dyrrhachium, or the bull of Eretria scratching his head to the very life; the chariot horses of the cities of Magna Greecia tossing their heads in eagerness for the contest. We are even told that a bronze cow was the chief glory of the great Myron. The same is true of gemengraving—
greyhounds, dolphins and rams appear drawn
with a wonderful truth to nature; indeed,
in some cases the engraver has made his
design correspond to the color of his stone,
so that a cow will appear on an emerald
as in a green field, or a dolphin on a beryl
as if in the blue green sea water, though
that may possibly be due to the desire to
emphasize the power of the gem as an amilet.
In the treatment of, floral and vegetable
forms the result is disappointing. Flowers
and leaves occur on coins, but their treatment is not successful; it is neither natural
nor conventional. The wheat ear of Metapontum, the parsley leaf of Selinus, the rose
of Rhodes are unsatisfactory, all that can be
said for them is that they are unmistakable.
On a coin of Gortyna in Crete Europa is seen
a seated in a tree which is certainly drawn
after a more natural pattern; but even here
it is inferior to the buil on the other side
so complacently licking his back. It is
doubtful whether a ratural treatment of Myron. The same is true of gem engraving-

it is inferior to the buil on the other side so complacently licking his back. It is doubtful whether a ratural treatment of flowers is suitable as a decoration for vases. Admirers of the Worcester chima of our own day will say that it is, but the question remains open.

No one, however, will deny that most beautiful conventional patterns may be made from floral forms, yet the only class of such designs on Greek vases are, so far as I know, the stereotyped lotus and palmette. The vine appears as the adjunct of Dionysus, and sometimes alone, as on a vase where satyrs are gathering the grapes, yet the treatment is almost always inadequate, and he no case, I believe, does the olive appear on vases of Athenian manufacture. An apple bough is seen on a very beautiful white ground vase by Sotades in the British Museum, but the general feeling for floral forms is different from that which the Mycenasin potter had for the weeds and flowers of the deep. Where they do occur it is generally as a necessary part of a story in which the human interest is puramount. Trintolemus, for instance, holds the wheat ears in his hand, but it is on him that the arrist expends his skill: Pionysus is surrounded by the vine, but it is the god at whom we look, not at the curving spirals of the plant. The scanthus leaf, again, is the motive of the Corinthian capital, but it quickly becomes stereotyped; the variety of the Byzantine capitals and friezes shows a far greater love for leaf form.

A Thoroughly American Novelist.

Mr. Howells has recently published in Harper's ome exceedingly genial impressions of England derived from a recent visit to our shores. B though he has learned to appreciate, and even lov England more than on the occasion of any previouslit, there is happily no sign in his new powel his enrolling himself in the ranks of those America writers who abandon the national for the politan standpoint. What lends peculiar to Mr. Howells's best work is the fact that it co only have been written by an American; that the atmosphere, characters and dialogue have just that touch of unfamiliarity to English readers which agreeably differentiates his novels from the how grown article. The curious and somewhat paint problem which he has chosen to develop and sol in his new work is no monopoly of American famili ife. But the setting and treatment are entire maracteristic of Mr. Howells: in other words, the lustrate once more the workings of that subt et wholesome mind which has always found its applest inspiration in the delin-ation of the fines traits of distinctively American types.

Corruption in Indiana; Where Is Brooklyn's Baker?

From the Indianapolis Sentines.

One of the pages in the House who is not averse to receiving favors from corporations was presented with a pass over an interurban road entering the city by Representative Sayre. Mr. Roosevelt and the South.

From the Allanta News.

We are more than ever convinced that if the South will meet the President half way they will derive more practical beneats from his Administration illed the Presidential chair since the civil war Grand Old Man and the Goat.

From the Kennebec Journa

This week a Bath secret order initiated a can didate aged 80 years. He joined for the social features and took his degrees with several other candidates. He says that he is going to try to get what fun there is going, while he lives

Earnestness and Frivolity.

Papyrus is edited by a man in earnest-not by a rson in a tuxedo or a suit of cosmio jeans.

Concord of Sweet Sounds. Wagner had just finished an opera.
"It's easy, "he said. "I merely coure the sound that nother's angel child makes with his toys." Noting the dulcet boiler factory effect, we hastily

Suiting Action to Word She-Read your answer in the stars.

He-I see the Great Bear.

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